



Windermere Cruising Association

2013 Summer Race Series

Lake Windermere

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 All races specified in this Notice of Race will be governed by the rules as defined in *The ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016*.
- 1.2 The provisions of the WCA 2013 Summer Sailing Instructions will also apply.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The WCA Summer Series is open to all cruisers, cruiser racers and sport boats from the Windermere Cruising Association, the Royal Windermere Yacht Club, the Lake District Boat Club, the Windermere Motor Boat Racing Club and the South Windermere Sailing Club.
- 2.2 The WCA Marina Series is open to cruisers, cruiser racers and sport boats from the Windermere Cruising Association and those with moorings in the Windermere Marina Village.
- 2.3 All other Series' listed in this Notice of Race are open to cruisers, cruiser racers and sport boats from the Windermere Cruising Association only.
- 2.4 Eligible boats may enter by completing the Race Declaration and Insurance Indemnity Forms available on the WCA website.
- 2.5 Late entries will be accepted provided that the above forms are received and approved by the WCA Sailing Secretary before a boat enters its first race.

3 FEES

- 3.1 Required fees are as follows:
 - a. Entry into the WCA Summer Series is free to all paid-up members of the Windermere Cruising Association, the Royal Windermere Yacht Club, the Lake District Boat Club, the Windermere Motor Boat Racing Club and the South Windermere Sailing Club.
 - b. Entry into the WCA Marina Series is free to all paid-up members of the Windermere Cruising Association, and to mooring holders in the Windermere Marina Village.
 - c. Anyone else wishing to enter any of the WCA Race Series must apply for probationary membership of the WCA. The fee is £50 and the application form is available on the WCA website. These should be sent to the WCA Membership Secretary or handed to a Committee Member before entry to any races is permitted. Full WCA membership is subject to ratification by the WCA Committee.

4 SCHEDULE

4.1 Dates of racing:

Series	Race dates
Summer Series (12 Races)	31 st March, 1 st April, 7 th April, 21 st April, 5 th May, 19 th May, 16 th June, 14 th July, 4 th August, 25 th August, 8 th September and 29 th September.
Marina Series (6 Races)	13 th April, 18 th May, 15 th June, 13 th July, 17 th August and 28 th September.
Pursuit Series (3 Races)	4 th May, 20 th July and 21 st September.
Endurance Series (3 Races)	8 th June, 29 th June and 7 th September.
Commodores Cup (1 Race)	25 th May.
Crew / Lady Helm (1 Race)	3 rd August.
Junior Helm (1 Race)	24 th August
6 / 12 Hour Race (1 Race)	22 nd June.

4.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 13:25 unless otherwise stated on the Racing Calender available on the WCA website.

5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

5.1 The sailing instructions will be available on the WCA website.

6 VENUE

6.1 The venue for all races will be Lake Windermere.

6.2 Races may be held in either the North Lake or the South Lake depending on the prevailing wind conditions.

7 FLEETS

7.1 With the exception of the Pursuit Series, the Crew / Lady Helm Race, the Junior Helm Race and the 6 /12 Hour Race, all races will consist of two fleets – Gold & Silver. For all the other races listed above, all boats will compete as a single fleet.

7.2 The Gold Fleet will consists of generally well-established, more experienced skippers / crews; the Silver Fleet will consist of the generally less experienced and novice skippers / crews.

7.3 A list of Gold & Silver Fleet entrants will be published each year. Entrants can elect to compete in either the Gold or Silver Fleet.

7.4 For each Series / Race where Gold & Silver Fleets are competing, three sets of results will be published – Overall, Gold Fleet and Silver Fleet. Boats from both fleets will

compete together for Overall Honours as well as competing for individual Fleet Honours.

7.5 Both Fleets will display International Code Flag G when racing.

8 HANDICAPS

8.1 The handicap system for all races will be the RYA Portsmouth Yardstick system.

8.2 All competing boats will be assigned a Club Number (CN) by the Handicap Sub-Committee. The CN will be based on the RYA Base List, the boats configuration (sail plan etc) and its performance in previous WCA Race Series'.

8.3 The Club Numbers will be reviewed twice during the season and adjustments made based on the achieved performance of each class during the season. The first review will be undertaken at mid-season and the second at the end of the season (to determine the starting CN's for the 2014 season).

9 THE COURSES

9.1 The course to be sailed on each day will be determined by the Officer of the Day taking into account the prevailing wind conditions.

9.2 The course may be as shown by the diagrams in Addendum A or an Alternative Course.

9.3 The marks will generally be the permanent green racing marks in either the North or South Lakes. However, the Officer of the Day may install additional temporary marks as required.

9.4 Details of the course and an indication of the direction the mark should be rounded will be displayed on the Race Control (OD) Boat before the first warning signal. The Race Control Boat will also display the number of laps to be completed.

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1 Penalties at the time of an incident shall be in accordance with Rules 44.1 and 44.2. i.e. A two-turn penalty for a breach of one or more rules in Part 2 (When Boats Meet) and a one-turn penalty for breaking Rule 31 (Touching a Mark).

10.2 Alternatively, the Exoneration Penalty and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. Decisions from RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee but cannot be reopened or appealed.

11 SCORING

11.1 The scoring system for all races is the Low Point System of Appendix A.

11.2 The minimum number of races required to be completed to constitute a series are as follows:

Summer Series – 8

Marina Series – 4

Pursuit Series – 2

Endurance Series - 2

11.3 (a) In each case above, when the minimum number of races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When the minimum numbers of races have been completed, for each additional race up to the maximum number specified for each series, a boat will be able to discard one result. A boat's series score will then be the total of her race scores excluding her discarded (worst) scores.

12 SUPPORT BOATS

12.1 The Officer of the Day Boat shall be identifiable by a WCA banner bearing the legend "Race Control".

12.2 When available, the WCA Support Boat shall be marked with the legend "Support".

13 RADIO COMMUNICATION

13.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

13.2 To aid Race Management the OD Boat may transmit by radio the location of the start line for the race (e.g. North or South Lake, adjacent to Mark Number X); the marks to be used and their direction of rounding (to port or to starboard); the number of laps. Where made, these transmissions will be available on Channel 8.

14 PRIZES

14.1 Prizes will be given as listed in Appendix A.

15 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

15.1 Competitors participate in the races entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The WCA will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

16 INSURANCE

16.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

17 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact the WCA Sailing Secretary via the Contacts page on the WCA website.

Appendix A – Prizes

Series	Prizes
Sunday Series	1 st Overall 1 st Gold Fleet (If different from 1 st Overall) 1 st Silver Fleet (If different from 1 st Overall) 2 nd Gold Fleet 2 nd Silver Fleet 3 rd Gold Fleet 3 rd Silver Fleet
Easter Series	1 st Overall 1 st Gold Fleet (If different from 1 st Overall) 1 st Silver Fleet (If different from 1 st Overall)
Marina Series	1 st Overall 1 st Gold Fleet (If different from 1 st Overall) 1 st Silver Fleet (If different from 1 st Overall) 2 nd Gold Fleet 2 nd Silver Fleet 3 rd Gold Fleet 3 rd Silver Fleet
Pursuit Series	1 st Overall 2 nd Overall 3 rd Overall
Endurance Series	1 st Overall 1 st Gold Fleet (If different from 1 st Overall) 1 st Silver Fleet (If different from 1 st Overall) 2 nd Gold Fleet 2 nd Silver Fleet 3 rd Gold Fleet 3 rd Silver Fleet
Commodores Cup	1 st Overall 1 st Gold Fleet (If different from 1 st Overall) 1 st Silver Fleet (If different from 1 st Overall)

Crew / Lady Helm	1 st Crew Helm 1 st Lady Helm
Junior Helm	1 st Junior Helm
Six / Twelve Hour	1 st Six Hour 1 st Twelve Hour